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TO: Cybille DELACROIX-MUIRHEID, Esq. FAX NO.: 571-273-0572

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RE: Response & Amendment to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004; US Serial No. 10/627,463; SERVIER 386 CIP

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Dear Examiner DELACROIX-MUIRHEID:

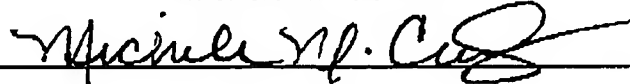
To follow-up on our telephone conversation of October 14, 2004 regarding the above-identified application, please find enclosed herewith a Response and Amendment to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004.

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Examiner : Cybille DELACROIX-MUIRHEID, Esq.

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.111 AND 1.115

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: See Listing of Claims. This listing will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

REMARKS

The Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's comprehensive Office Action with appreciation. Claims 1-15 remain under consideration. Claims 1-6 and 8-12 are

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